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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 19, 20, and 22 and cancel claims 1-18, without disclaimer. A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Amended): ~~The grip of claim 1,~~ A vibration absorbing grip,
comprising:

a grip body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:

a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is
substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and
that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material
distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid
material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer;
and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer and
adapted to be gripped by a user.

Claim 20 (Amended): ~~The grip of claim 1,~~ A vibration absorbing grip,
comprising:

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a grip body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is
substantially free of voids therein;
a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and
that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material
distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid
material forms an imperforate sheet disposed within the second elastomeric layer
wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips that are
substantially parallel to each other; and
a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer and
adapted to be gripped by a user.

Claim 21 (Original): The grip of claim 20, wherein the plurality of individual strips are generally equally sized.

Claim 22 (Amended): ~~The grip of claim 1,~~ A vibration absorbing grip,
comprising:

a grip body formed by a multi-layer material comprising:
a first elastomeric layer of vibration absorbing material which is

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substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, wherein the aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, wherein the aramid material forms a plurality of individual strips of different sizes that are substantially parallel to each other; and

a third elastomeric layer disposed on the second elastomeric layer and adapted to be gripped by a user.

Claim 23 (Original): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:

a sleeve having an end defining an opening, wherein the sleeve is adapted to absorb vibration and comprises:

a first elastomeric layer adapted to absorb vibration, the first elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids therein;

a second elastomeric layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first elastomeric layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of different sizes, wherein the aramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids therein;

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a third elastomeric layer that is disposed on the second elastomeric layer, the third elastomeric layer being substantially free of voids.

Claim 24 (Original): The grip of claim 23, wherein the second and third elastomeric layers are generally of equal thickness.

Claim 25 (Original): A vibration absorbing grip, comprising:

a sleeve having upper and lower ends, the upper end defining an opening to permit a portion of a grip supporting object to extend therethrough, wherein the sleeve is adapted to absorb vibration and comprises:

an first layer adapted to absorb vibration and being formed by an elastomer that is substantially free of voids therein;

a second layer which includes an aramid material therein and that is disposed on the first layer, the aramid material comprising a plurality of individual strips of aramid of generally equal sizes, wherein the amramid material distributes vibration to facilitate vibration dampening, the second layer being substantially free of voids therein, the plurality of individual aramid strips being generally parallel to each other; and

a third layer formed by an elastomer that is substantially free of voids.